

Dear USPTO worker,

Re: Response to restriction requirement in USSN 10/678,800, Guay, et al., *Preserving sets of information in rollup tables*,
filed 10/03/2003
my docket oracle01.026

Please transmit the attached response in the above application to Examiner Ahluwalia, GAU 2166.

Respectfully submitted,

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5 **Applicant:** Guay, et al. **Paper No.:** 3882
 Application No: 10/678,800 **Group Art Unit:** 2166
 Filed: 10/03/2003 **Examiner:** Navneet K. Ahluwalia
10 **Title:** *Preserving sets of information in rollup tables*

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15 Commissioner for Patents
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Response to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121

20 Examiner mailed a restriction requirement in the above application on 4/7/2006 in which she
 found that two inventions were being claimed and that the inventions belonged to different
 classifications as follows:

- I. Claims 1-8 and 25-32: class 707, subclass 101, Data structure conversion,
 compaction, or compilation.
25 II. Claims 9-24 and 33-48: class 707, subclass 203, version management.
 Applicants are electing group I with traverse. The traversal follows.

Traversal

30 The traversal is based on the fact that all of the claims belong to class 707, subclass 101. As set
 forth at page 1, lines 9 and 10, the field of the invention is "reducing the size of stored data and
 more specifically to reducing the size of information used to manage a data processing system".
 As further set forth at page 4, lines 8-10, the challenge addressed by the invention is "to reduce
 the size of the information in the aggregation table as much as possible while reducing the
 usefulness of the information contained in the table as little as possible." None of this has
35 anything whatever to do with class 707, subclass 203, which concerns version management in
 database systems.

Group I and group II are related to each other as genus-species: the group I claims are addressed to a general method for "aggregating a plurality of entries in a table in a database management system into an aggregated entry" and the group II claims are to the particular species of the invention which is a method for "rolling up event information that is practiced in a management system for a database management system". Since the groups of claims are related to each other as genus-species, any reference which is relevant to the claims of group I will be relevant to the claims of group II. Further, since a prior-art species renders a claim to the specie's genus obvious, references which are relevant to the claims of group II will also be relevant to the claims of group I.

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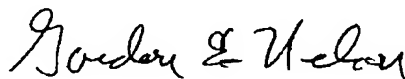
Because the inventions of all of the claims belong to class 707, subclass 101 and the claims of group II are directed to an invention which is a species of the claims of group I, only a single search is required for both sets of claims. More formally, 37 C.F.R. 1.41 specifically sets forth that a genus and a reasonable number of its species may be claimed in a single national application, provided that the species claims include all of the limitations of the generic claim. If Examiner compares the present application's claim 1 with claim 9, Examiner will immediately see that claim 9 does include all of the limitations of claim 1.

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Conclusion

Applicants have elected the claims of group I with traverse and have demonstrated in their traversal that the claims of group I and group II are related as genus-species and that they may consequently be claimed in a single application. Applicants have thereby fulfilled the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.146 and respectfully request that Examiner withdraw the restriction requirement and examine claims 1-48. No fees are believed to be required by way of this response; if any should be, please charge them to deposit account number 501315.

Respectfully submitted,

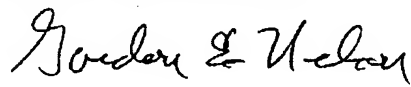


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